(c) The contract for consultancy services was signed on 27.11.2006 between Ministry of Environment and Forests and ATREE and was send to ATREE *vide* letter F. No. 15-1/2005-FP dated 27.11.2006.

(d) ATREE was to complete the task within a period of six months but since wider consultations were needed in this regard; ATREE may be submitting its report during September, 2007.

Revamping the National River Conservation Plan

2515. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would revamp the National River Conservation Plan;

(b) whether Government propose to nationalise any river; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Conservation of rivers is a dynamic activity with the ever increasing pollution load due to increase in population. Review of the strategies of conservation policy and identification of additional towns and rivers are undertaken by the Government as a continuous process taking into account the experience gained so far in the conservation efforts.

(b) According to the information received from the Ministry of Water Resources, there is no proposal at present with the Government to nationalise any river.

(c) Does not arise.

Environmental clearance for Dholera Port

2516. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for environmental clearance in respect of Dholera Port has been received by Government from the State Government of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the date on which it was received;

(c) whether the clearance is still pending;

(d) if so, the reasons for such a long period of pendency; and

(e) the time likely to be taken by Government for according the approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal for environmental, clearance to the All Weather Port (Minor) at Dholera was received from Government of Gujarat *vide* letters dated 3.6.2002 and 30.12.2004.